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1. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT REPLY IN REGARD TO THE SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS ON MILITARY SALES. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION AND ASKED IF WE COULD AGREE TO SOME FORMULATION FOR A RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT IN ORDER TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE SPECULATION THERE WHEN A QUESTION IS ASKED ON APRIL 2. THE CHARGE AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED RESPONSE WHICH THE GOI WILL USE ON APRIL 2 UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT TAKES EXCEPTION TO IT: WE UNDERSTAND THE USG HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION SALES OF WEAPONS FOR A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING PAKISTAN. SPARES FOR EXISTING EQUIPMENT -- NOT NEW EQUIPMENT -- WILL BE PROVIDED TO PAKISTAN.

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2. THE CHARGE POINTED OUT TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT THE PARTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE PAKISTANI TANKS WOULD BE UPGRADED SPARES. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY UNDERSTOOD THAT BUT CONSIDERED THE ABOVE REPLY TO BE ADEQUATE FOR HIS PURPOSES. SCHNEIDER

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